



Welcome to the Parish Church of St. Nicholas Burnage

'Knowing, Growing, Sharing in the love of Christ'

Hi Everyone,

Here is the newsletter for Sunday 17th May 2020.

You may have heard in the news that one member of the clergy or an ALM or a Churchwarden are now allowed to go into church on their own to pray or to deliver a service to be streamed on-line. As our services are streamed from the Rectory, and Rachel is joined by Ollie from his home studio on a Sunday morning and the technology works we are going to continue with our services as planned. However, you can join Andrew on a Wednesday morning for a quiet half hour of prayer at 11.00am, Andrew will be delivering this short session from inside Church via our Facebook page.

We want to continue to support our congregation so if you are housebound or isolating and need any shopping or errands, please let Alison 07932071977 or Jane 07745392374 know as members of our congregation have kindly offered to help where they can.

We will be following the Church of England guidance, this can be found [here](#).

Readings for 17th May, Sixth Sunday of Easter

O.T Reading: Acts 17:22-31 **Psalm** 66:8-20 **N.T. Reading** 1 Peter 3:13-22 **Gospel** : John 14:15-21

Rachel and Ollie will be delivering a service on Sunday 17th May at 10.30am, you can watch this service via the links below:

On our church website <https://www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk>

Or via Rachel's You Tube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SuperBlitzgirl>

Rachel and Andrew will be delivering services for Morning and Evening prayer as follows:

- **Morning Prayer** at 8.30 am each day, (except Friday and Saturday). This will be very simple, using the Northumberland Prayer tradition
- **Evening Prayer** at 16. 00 pm GMT each day. It will be based on Common Worship, but with variants from other traditions on some days.

Ascension Day Thursday 21st May, there will be a Deanery Ascension service, pre-recorded which will be available at 7.30pm – the Ascension Day Service is going to be broadcast here

<https://churchforeveryone.info/ascensionday>

Tune in from 7.20pm for a 'pre-service' presentation before the service goes live at 7.30pm.

Taize Evening Prayer Tuesday 2nd June at 7.30pm on St.Nicholas Church Website.

Wednesday prayer session - Tune in to a quiet half hour of prayer with Rev'd Andrew Bennison on Wednesday mornings at 11.am, the sessions can be viewed via the St.Nicholas Facebook Page

A message from Rev'd Andrew Bennison

Dear friends,

'Stay alert'. What does this mean exactly? This is a question that many have been pondering this week, as the government announced its new slogan to ease the lockdown: 'Stay alert, Control the virus, Save lives'. One poll conducted by YouGov last Sunday found that just 30 per cent of the public understood the slogan, compared with 91 per cent who understood the slogan it replaced.

Perhaps this confusion is not altogether surprising. After all, 'staying alert' is not something we do naturally. We spend much of our lives preoccupied with what is right in front of us. We are seldom in immediate danger. So being 'on alert' is rarely necessary; most of the time our lives are predictable and familiar. To be 'on alert' takes *effort*. It is an act of *will*. It requires us to look beyond our immediate horizons; to listen more closely to the world around us. It demands *imagination* and *expectancy*.

So 'staying alert' isn't easy. But as Christians we have an advantage: staying alert is something we are already doing. In his teaching and parables Jesus exhorts his followers to an attitude of expectancy; we are to 'keep alert' for the signs of the kingdom, arriving at a 'day or hour no one knows' (Mark 13.32-33). This isn't about being constantly on edge or fearful. Rather, it's about paying attention to deeper movements and rhythms, discerning the Spirit of God at work beneath our immediate preoccupations and concerns.

In the week ahead, then, please do 'stay alert' as best you can. Follow the official health advice and take sensible precautions. But take some time to practise your spiritual alertness, too. Set aside some time for quiet and stillness. Listen to the deep movements and rhythms within your heart and soul. Ask God for the gifts of imagination and expectancy.

As the trial of lockdown continues, may God grant each of us the 'alertness' that truly matters. May he keep us safe in body, mind and soul.

With my love and prayers,

Andrew

PRAYER LIST May 2020

Please pray for Jacob Holt, his family and his Godfather, Giles Elliott, Brenda Denny, Jim Davey, Vi Reed, Barry Southall, Irene Smith, Claire Cawley, Georgie Rose Naylor, Peter Taylor, Ian Lomas, Sylvia Bate, Paul Nield. Ann Ackerman. Winifred Murphy, Norma Cookson, Margaret Vessey.

IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

Muriel Wheatley (Eachstep (Charlestown Unit) Blackley, Manchester M9 7ED) Edith Partington.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

ANNIVERSARY list , May 2020

Tony Huddart, Rev.R.Ian McCalla, Paul Raven, Sally Smith, Christine Taylor, Ada Wheatcroft L. Fred Lowe, Ann Clifford , Josephine Hale, Joyce Gibson , Gordon Campbell, Jean Bradbury Melanie Wills, Paul Clark, Peggy Dadswell, Agnes Penny, Maggie Claughton ,Ellen Lowe, Stuart Nunns, Katie Thornburn, Alison Lowther, Christine Heather Ward, Jean Blades, Marjorie Darke, David Witty , Michael Samwell, Doreen Fanshawe, Eileen Klyne, Maureen, Gladys Short, Dorothy Eades

Here are details of a new phone service available to everyone. Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

A Church of England initiative in partnership with CONNECTIONS at Holy Trinity Claygate, and Faith in Later Life

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind .



'Dear St Nick's church family,

Firstly, let me say, how much I appreciate how we've stuck together in this time of trial. I think part of the reason is because we're creative, imaginative and (in my own case) slightly silly.

Recently, Claire Cawley had a great idea we could try which would show our solidarity with one another and send a message of hope to the wider community.

We have a mission statement at St Nick's which reads 'Knowing, Growing, Sharing in the Love of Christ'. We also have hashtags which we regularly use - #InclusiveChurch #DementiaFriendly ... I'd like to add to that - for a bit of fun - #WeAreFamily.

Claire would like a photo of you holding up one of the words from those phrases or hashtags on an A4 piece of paper, which she will then make into a film we can share on our website, on twitter, facebook and insta.

The idea is to give a snapshot of who we are at St Nick's, as well as give us a chance to bring all ages together. Claire will co-ordinate ensuring that some of our non-internet users can take part (whilst ensuring that social distancing rules are maintained!).

If you'd like to take part, can you get in touch with Claire (clairecawley1@hotmail.co.uk) in the first instance? or give Claire a call on 07523 338328, she can assign you a word. I'm very excited about this and look forward to lots of us taking part.

Rachel x'

A message from Judy and Leslie at St.Chad's

Dear all,

Leslie and I hope you and all yours, and the St Nick's congregation, are staying safe and well. We realise that there are more of you at St Nick's who are on the 'front-line' than is the case at St Chad's, so we especially hope they are OK and have the resources they need. And Rachel, we hope you feel reasonably safe...if frustrated and somewhat bored.

You may have seen that we are attempting some on-line events in the hope of raising funds for Christian Aid this coming week.

We will be hosting a Zoom "Big Elevenses" at 11am, (when our Big Brekkie would have usually been in full swing), also this Saturday. However, we have joined up for un-limited Zoom so hopefully our event will go on beyond midday.

We have always had faithful attendees from St Nick's in the past, and in case anyone wishes to move on to the Big Elevenses we could email Rachel (and Alison?) the invitation link.

Please could you mention our Quiz (launched tomorrow) and Talent Show (launched Saturday evening) ...information regarding the talent show is detailed below as well as on a poster on our Facebook page.

Behold the Youtube trailer for the show! Feel free to distribute to anyone you know. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Sj9W4qJJS0>



[St Chad's
Online Talent
Show for
Christian Aid:
Trailer -
YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Sj9W4qJJS0)

www.youtube.com

Watch with us at 6pm on Saturday on the St Chad's Youtube channel! (and don't forget the Christian Aid "Big Elevenses" on Saturday morning and the fantastic quizzes coming up in the next days!)

Sending our good wishes to you all
Judy and Leslie x

A message from our Treasurer:

Thank you to all of you who have continued to offer financial support to our Church. It is truly amazing how our wonderful and generous congregation have rallied round to ensure we can continue to meet our commitments.

If you would like donate to the church regularly, you can set up a standing order direct into our bank account. Forms are available on the website and here is a link to the form.

<http://www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/SNC-Regular-donation-form.pdf>

All you need to do is print then complete the form and return it to me to process.

Andrew Mills
St Nicholas Church Treasurer
c/o 2 Glenside Drive
Wilmslow
SK9 1EH

If you would prefer to send a contribution by cheque, please make the cheque payable to 'St.Nicholas PCC' and post it to me using the details shown above.

If you would prefer to simply make a one off or occasional payment into the church accounts, here are the bank account details for BACS:

Account details: NatWest Bank (Didsbury)
Account Name : St Nicholas Church PCC
Account number: 02047578
Sort code: 01-02-69

In order for use to claim Gift Aid, please ensure that any reference you use allows us to identify you. Please add a reference of your initials and postcode. E.g. AJM SK91EH

***Thank you,
Andrew Mills, Treasurer***

Happy Birthday to the following lovely people who celebrate their birthday in May:

Belated birthday greetings to Margaret Witty for 13th May.

22nd May Claire Cawley

26th May Emily Crossley

If you have a birthday or you know that someone else in the congregation has a birthday in April, please let us know. Call Alison on 07932071977 or Jane on 07745392374 or email alison@st-nicholas-church.org.uk.

If you would like to add any names or notices to the newsletter, please let Alison know on email: alison@st-nicholas-church.org.uk or by phone 07932071977. Thank you

Congratulations to the winners of the St. Nicholas Club for March, April and May are as follows:

Month	Number	1 st Prize (£25)	Number	2 nd Prize (£15)
March	35	Julie Crossley	31	Rainbows (kindly donated by M.Vessey)
April	54	Jackie Walker	64	St.Nick's (kindly donated by W.Murphy)
May	3	Susan Morris	56	Jonathan Greenway

Alison Mills will be in touch with the winners to arrange for them to collect their winnings!